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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

VOL. V. JULY—DECEMBER, 1853. No. 50.

Stated Meeting, July 15.

Present, nine members.

JUDGE KANE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society: Vol. IX. Part 2. No. 34. May, 1853. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Address delivered at the Anniversary Meeting of the Geological Society of London, Feb. 18, 1853, by Wm. Hopkins, Esq., President of the Society. London. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. Vol. XIII. No. 7. May 13, 1853. London. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Observations made at the Magnetical and Meteorological Observatory at Hobarton, in Van Deimen Island. Printed by order of Her Majesty's Government, under the Superintendence of Col. Edward Sabine, R.A. Vol. III., commencing with 1846. London, 1853. 4to.—*From the British Government.*

A Descriptive Catalogue of the London Traders, Tavern and Coffee-House Tokens current in the XVII. Century, presented to the Library of the Corporation of the city of London, by Henry B. H. Beaufoy, F.R.S., &c. &c. By Jacob Henry Burn. London, 1853. 8vo.—*From the Library Committee of the Corporation of the city of London.*

Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge: Vol. V. Washington, 1853. 4to.—*From the Smithsonian Institution.*

Memoirs of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. New Series. Vol. V. Part 1. Boston, 1853. 4to.—*From the Academy.*

Sixty-sixth Annual Report of the Regents of the University of the State of New York:—transmitted to the Legislature, March 1, 1853. Albany. 8vo.—*From the Regents.*

Journal of the Franklin Institute. Third Series. Vol. XXVI. No. 1. July, 1853. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Institute.*

The African Repository. Vol. XXIX. No. 6. June, 1853. Washington. 8vo.—*From the American Colonization Society.*

The American Journal of Science and Arts. Second Series. Vol. XVI. No. 46. July, 1853. New Haven. 8vo.—*From the Editors.*

The American Journal of the Medical Sciences. No. LI. New Series. July, 1853. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Dr. Isaac Hays, Editor.*

The Medical News and Library. Vol. XI. No. 127. July, 1853. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Blanchard & Lea.*

The Medical Examiner. New Series. Vol. IX. No. 7. July, 1853. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From Drs. Smith and Biddle, Editors.*

Remarks on a "Reprint of the Original Letters from Washington to Joseph Reed, during the American Revolution, referred to in the Pamphlets of Lord Mahon and Mr. Sparks." By Jared Sparks. Boston, 1853. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Examination of Fusel Oil from Indian Corn and Rye. By Charles M. Wetherill, Ph. D. M. D. Philadelphia, 1853. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Astronomical Journal. Vol. III. No. 12. June 27, 1853. Cambridge. 4to.—*From B. A. Gould, jr. Editor.*

The Plough, the Loom and the Anvil. Vol. VI. Part 1. July, 1853. New York. 8vo.—*From the Editors.*

Dr. Hays announced the decease of Dr. Nathaniel Chapman, formerly President of this Society, who died in Philadelphia on the first of the present month, aged 74:—

And, on motion, it was resolved, that Mr. Thomas Dunlap be requested to prepare an obituary notice of Dr. Chapman.

Mr. Trego announced the death of Don Lucas Alaman, a member of this Society, who died in the city of Mexico, June 2, 1853.

Señor Alaman was Secretary of Foreign Affairs for the Republic of Mexico, and his death caused a great sensation and sorrow through the capital as soon as it was announced. He had lost his conscious-

ness since the preceding night, and died in a state of insensibility. His death is said to have been caused by the excessive labour which he had imposed upon himself since he was appointed to office.

He was one of the most popular members of the cabinet, and was universally esteemed for his noble private qualities, no less than for his talent as a statesman. He was the leader of the conservative party, who will feel his loss very heavily. He was known as a man of strong mind, great instruction and erudition, sincerity and firmness. He was a very religious man, and a strict observer of his creed. He had long held a prominent political position in the country. All the papers are filled with obituary notices, of the most laudatory description.

The President ordered a letter to be written in his name, to the family of the deceased, in which he sympathises with them for the loss they have sustained in the death of a man of such abilities as a statesman, such integrity and patriotism as a citizen, and gifted with such noble qualities as justly commended universal respect.

Dr. Hays announced the decease of Dr. Charles Caldwell, of Louisville, Kentucky, a member of this Society, who died on the ninth of the present month, at the age of about 90 years.

Whereupon, on motion of Dr. Hays, it was resolved that Mr. George Ord be requested to prepare an obituary notice of Dr. Caldwell.

The Society then proceeded to the stated business of the meeting, the balloting for candidates for membership.

All other business having been concluded, the ballot boxes were opened, and the following named gentleman was declared by the presiding officer to be duly elected a member of the Society.

Dr. Marshall Hall, F.R.S. London and Edinburgh.